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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the health of

THE

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD



1966

Report presented by

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Borough of Hertford

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1966

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1966

B O R O U G H   O F   H E R T F O R D

PREFACE

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Hertford.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health of the Borough of Hertford for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

There has been a continued increase in the population figures but the 1966 increase has been the smallest for the past five years, being only 240, bringing the total to 18,560. This must undoubtedly be due to the Credit Squeeze and its inevitable repercussions. The number of live births was only one in excess of the 1965 figure, but the number of deaths increased by seventeen.

Once again the general health of the Borough has been excellent with the number of notified infectious diseases reaching a record low figure of 45. It is worth commenting that 68 out of the 165 deaths were at, or over the age of 75, while 5 were over the age of 90.

A successful course in Food Hygiene was held at the Hertford College of Further Education early in the year. The lecturers included the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector. Approximately twenty persons attended and there was a high proportion of passes.



I wish to thank the Public Health Committee and their Chairman for their keen interest in the work of the Department during the past year. Much of the continued health of the Borough is due to the vigilance and surveillance over public matters exercised by Mr. Peck and Mr. Blowes, and I am grateful to them for their constant support. I must also thank Mrs. Newman for her efficient clerical assistance in the Department.

I wish to express my gratitude to the other Chief Officers and their staff for their help and co-operation.

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

GORDON M. FRIZELLE

Medical Officer of Health.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Peter de Bec Turtle, V.R.D., M.A., B.M., D.P.H.,  
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

<u>Senior Public Health Inspector</u>	B.W.Peck, A.R.S.H.
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<u>Public Health Inspector</u>	P.B.Blowes.
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Clerk/Receptionist	Mrs. E.J.Newman.
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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the  
Session 1966/67 comprised the following Members :-

Councillor J.J.Forrester	(Chairman)
Alderman H.E.Gilby, J.P.	(Vice-Chairman)
His Worship the Mayor (Alderman W.L.Foster)	
Alderman F.L.Patmore.	
Councillors E.A.Bennett, R.J.Carter, H.P.Mills, A.J.Pugh, G.H.Stoten.	



# SECTION A

## GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

(Table I)

(Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets)

### POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford:

18, 560                      (18,320)

Natural increase or decrease	...	+	174
Migration in or out	...	+	66
Total increase or decrease	...	+	240

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres    ...                      ...                      ...                      3,882

Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books  
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -  
as at 1st April 1966

6,038

Number of Houses per acre	1.6
Number of Persons per acre	4.8
Number of Persons per Dwelling	3.1

Rateable Value of District                      (1.4.1966)                      1,086,209

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate  
for year to 31st March 1967                      24,539



# VITAL STATISTICS

( Table 2 )

(Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	166 (163)	160 (166)	326 (329)
Illegitimate	8 ( 3)	5 ( 6)	13 ( 9)
Total Live Births	174 (166)	165 (172)	339 (338)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		18.26	(18.45)
Area Comparability Factor for Births		0.97	( 0.97)
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		18.27	(17.90)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		3.83	( 2.66)
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1 (1)	1 (3)	2 (4)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total Still Births	1 (1)	1 (3)	2 (4)
Still Births Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		5.87	(11.70)
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	167 (164)	161 (169)	328 (333)
Illegitimate	8 ( 3)	5 ( 6)	13 ( 9)
Live and Still Births	175 (167)	166 (175)	341 (342)
<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate	18.26	17.3	
Area Comparability Factor	0.97	0.9	
Standardised Birth Rate	18.27	16.3	17.7
Still Birth Rate	5.87	11.7	15.4



Vital Statistics  
Table 2 continued.

<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infants under one week, total	0 (3)	1 (1)	1 (4)
Legitimate	0 (3)	1 (1)	1 (4)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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Infants under four weeks, total	0 (3)	2 (1)	2 (4)
Legitimate	0 (3)	2 (1)	2 (4)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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Infants under one year, total	0 (4)	3 (2)	3 (6)
Legitimate	0 (4)	3 (2)	3 (6)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births, Total	8.85	(17.75)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	9.20	(18.24)
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	( 0 )
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births	5.90	(11.83)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 total live births	2.95	(11.83)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week combined - per 1,000 total live and still births	8.80	(23.39)





## Vital Statistics - Table 2 continued

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths, including abortion	1	( 0 )
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	2.93	( 0 )

DEATHS (total)

Deaths of all ages -	Males	88	(74)
	Females	77	(74)
	Total	165	(148)
Death rate per 1,000 population		8.89	(8.08)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths		1.10	(1.08)
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population		9.78	(8.72)

COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	8.85	13.9	19.0
Legitimate	9.20	13.5	
Illegitimate	0	20.7	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	5.90	9.3	12.9
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	2.95	7.9	11.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate	8.80	19.5	26.3
Maternal Mortality Rate	2.93	0.3	0.3
Death Rate	8.89	9.1	
Area Comparability Factor	1.10	1.1	
Standardised Death Rate	9.78	10.1	11.7



Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1966 with those of the  
previous four years.

		1962	1963	1964	1965	Average 1962/65	1966
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>							
Legitimate	Male	120	163	178	163	156	166
	Female	141	150	171	166	157	160
Illegitimate	Male	9	6	7	3	7	8
	Female	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
		274	330	361	338	327	339
Live Birth Rate		16.44	19.09	20.09	18.45	18.52	18.26
Area Comp. Factor		0.96	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Standardised Rate		15.78	18.51	19.48	17.90	17.92	18.27

STILL BIRTHS

Total Still Births	1	4	4	4	3	2
Still Birth Rate	3.64	11.98	10.96	11.70	9.57	5.87

INFANT DEATHS

Under one week	4	4	2	4	3	1
2nd to 4th week	1	0	0	0	0	1
4 weeks to 1 year	2	0	1	2	1	1
Inf.Mortality Rate	25.55	12.12	8.31	17.75	15.93	8.85

MATERNAL DEATHS

0	0	0	0	0	1
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<u>DEATHS</u> (all)	Males	79	73	76	74	75	88
	Females	<u>96</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>77</u>
		175	154	138	148	153	165
Death Rate		10.50	8.91	7.68	8.08	8.79	8.89
Area Comp. Factor		1.09	1.12	1.12	1.08	1.10	1.10
Standardised Rate		11.44	9.98	8.60	8.72	9.69	9.78

POPULATION

Natural increase or decrease							
	Males	+ 50	+ 96	+ 109	+ 92	+ 87	+ 86
	Females	+ <u>49</u>	+ <u>80</u>	+ <u>114</u>	+ <u>98</u>	+ <u>85</u>	+ <u>88</u>
		+ 99	+ 176	+ 223	+ 190	+ 172	+ 174
Migration in							
or out		+ 521	+ 444	+ 457	+ 160	+ 395	+ 66
Total difference		+ 620	+ 620	+ 680	+ 350	+ 567	+ 240
Estimated Mid-Year			17,290		18,320		
Population		16,670		17,970			18,560







Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases (con)

T U B E R C U L O S I S

		<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Cases on Register at Beginning of year</u>			74
(Cases per 1,000 population = 4.04)			
	Males	43	4
	Females	22	5
<u>Cases added to Register during 1966</u>			6
<u>New Cases</u>	Males	3	-
	Females	3	-
<u>Restored to Register</u>	Males	-	-
	Females	-	-
<u>Inward Transfers</u>	Males	-	-
	Females	-	-
<u>Cases removed from Register during 1966</u>			6
<u>Deaths (from other causes)</u>	Males	-	-
	Females	1	-
<u>Outward Transfers</u>	Males	1	2
	Females	1	-
<u>Patients Cured</u>	Males	1	-
	Females	-	-
<u>Diagnosis not confirmed</u>	Males	-	-
	Females	-	-
<u>Lost sight of</u>	Males	-	-
	Females	-	-
<u>Cases remaining on Register at end of year</u>			74
(Cases per 1,000 population = 3.99)			
	Males	44	2
	Females	23	5
<u>Attack Rate per 1,000 population</u>		<u>Hertford</u>	<u>Hertford</u>
		<u>Borough</u>	<u>County</u>
(Number of cases notified - 6)			
Pulmonary	6	0.32	0.03
Non-Pulmonary	-	0.00	0.01
Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		0.32	0.04

Tuberculosis Prevention - B.C.G. Inoculations are given by the Health Services of the Herts. County Council.





CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1966

( Table 4 )

Line No.		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
	ALL CAUSES	88	77
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other ... ..	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease ... ..	0	0
4	Diphtheria ... ..	0	0
5	Whooping Cough ... ..	0	0
6	Meningococcal ... ..	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	0	0
8	Measles ... ..	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	0	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	6	4
11	" " lung ... ..	8	2
12	" " breast ... ..	0	2
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	0	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14	4
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	2	0
16	Diabetes ... ..	0	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	10
18	Coronary disease, angina ... ..	15	12
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	2
20	Other heart disease ... ..	5	3
21	Other circulatory disease ... ..	2	5
22	Influenza ... ..	0	0
23	Pneumonia ... ..	6	4
24	Bronchitis ... ..	7	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ...	2	3
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .	1	3
28	Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	0	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	0	0
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion ...	0	1
31	Congenital malformation ... ..	1	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	10
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..	2	1
34	All other accidents ... ..	3	1
35	Suicide ... ..	0	2
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	0	0



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1966

9. OTHER INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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## DEATHS classified according to Ages

AGES (inclusive)	M % of total male deaths	F % of total female deaths	Total % of total deaths
Under 1 week	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61)
1 - 3 weeks	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61) (1.81)
4 - 51 ..	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61)
1yr - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-
10 - 14	2 (2.27)	-	2 (1.21) (1.21)
15 - 19	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61) (0.61)
20 - 24	1 (1.14)	1 (1.30)	2 (1.21) (1.81)
25 - 29	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61)
30 - 34	-	-	-
35 - 39	1 (1.14)	-	1 (0.61) (0.61)
40 - 44	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61)
45 - 49	1 (1.14)	3 (3.90)	4 (2.42) (3.03)
50 - 54	5 (5.68)	6 (7.79)	11 (6.67)
55 - 59	12 (14.77)	3 (3.90)	15 (9.70) (15.76)
60 - 64	10 (11.36)	3 (3.90)	13 (7.88)
65 - 69	15 (17.05)	9 (11.69)	24 (14.55) (22.42)
Aged 70/71	8 (9.09)	4 (5.19)	12 (7.27)
72/73	6 (6.82)	3 (3.90)	9 (5.45)
74/75	4 (4.55)	2 (2.60)	6 (3.64) (26.06)
76/77	2 (2.27)	5 (6.49)	7 (4.24)
78/79	3 (3.41)	6 (7.79)	9 (5.45)
Aged 80/81	4 (4.55)	5 (6.49)	9 (5.45)
82/83	5 (5.68)	2 (2.60)	7 (4.24)
84/85	3 (3.41)	2 (2.60)	5 (3.03) (23.64)
86/87	3 (3.41)	7 (9.09)	10 (6.06)
88/89	2 (2.27)	6 (7.79)	8 (4.85)
Aged 90/91	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61)
92/93	1 (1.14)	2 (2.60)	3 (1.82) (3.03)
94/95	-	1 (1.30)	1 (0.61)
Over 95	-	-	-
Total	88	77	165



## DEATHS classified according to ages for 1962 to 1966

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
AGES (inclusive)	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths
Under 1 week	4	4	2	4	1
1 - 3 weeks	1 (4.0)	- (2.6)	- (2.2)	- (4.1)	1 (1.81)
4 - 51 ..	2	-	1	2	1
1 yr- 4 yrs	1 (0.6)	2 (1.3)	-	-	-
5 - 9	1 (0.6)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.5)	2 (1.4)	- (1.21)
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	2
15 - 19	1 (0.6)	-	-	1 (0.7)	1 (0.61)
20 - 24	1 (0.6)	-	3 (2.9)	1 (1.4)	2 (1.81)
25 - 29	-	-	1	1	1
30 - 34	- (0.6)	- (0.7)	1 (1.5)	-	- (0.61)
35 - 39	1	1	1	-	1
40 - 44	3 (2.9)	5 (7.1)	3 (4.3)	- (1.4)	1 (3.03)
45 - 49	2	6	3	2	4
50 - 54	8 (10.9)	2 (7.1)	7 (14.4)	4 (10.8)	11 (15.76)
55 - 59	11	9	13	12	15
60 - 64	16 (20.0)	15 (20.1)	17 (26.8)	10 (23.6)	13 (22.42)
65 - 69	19	16	20	25	24
Aged 70/71	4	11	9	9	12
72/73	17	9	4	10	9
74/75	7 (33.7)	5 (34.4)	3 (21.0)	9 (33.1)	6 (26.06)
76/77	15	12	9	13	7
78/79	16	16	4	8	9
Aged 80/81	5	16	10	5	9
82/83	17	7	7	5	7
84/85	7 (21.1)	6 (25.3)	5 (21.0)	10 (20.9)	5 (23.64)
86/87	4	5	5	7	10
88/89	4	5	2	4	8
Aged 90/91	-	1	2	1	1
92/93	3	-	2	2	3
94/95	3 (4.6)	- (0.7)	1 (4.3)	- (2.7)	1 (3.03)
96/97	1	-	1	1	-
98/99	1	-	-	-	-
	175	154	138	148	165







## GENERAL STATISTICS

The population of the Borough is showing a slow growth, the mid-year figure for 1966 being 18,560 compared to 18,320 for 1965. This is an increase of only 240, made up of a natural increase of 174 and an inward migration of 66, compared with the previous year's increase of 320, and increase of 680 in 1964 and 620 in 1963.

The number of inhabited houses rose from 5,955 to 6,038, the number of houses per acre from 1.5 to 1.6, the number of persons per acre from 4.7 to 4.8, and the number of persons per dwelling remaining at 3.1.

## VITAL STATISTICS

The number of live births rose by 1, the 1966 figure being 339 while the 1965 figure was 338. This gave a standardised live birth rate of 18.26 compared with 17.3 for the County and 17.7 for England and Wales. The still-births fell from 4 to 2 giving a still-birth rate of 5.87 compared to 11.70 the previous year. The County figure was 11.7 and the National figure 15.4.

The total number of deaths rose from 148 to 165 giving a death rate of 8.89 compared with 9.1 for the County and 11.7 for England and Wales. Unfortunately one of these was a maternal death, the first for 25 years.

## CAUSES OF DEATH

Once again Diseases of the Heart and Circulation were responsible for the majority of deaths, 45 or 27.2 per cent of these were due to Coronary Disease but of the 27, 16 occurred at the 75 or over age group.

There was a rise in the figures for Malignancy, there being 43 (26.4 per cent) compared with 30 in 1965. Ten of these or 23.3 per cent were caused by Carcinoma of the Lung. The previous figure was 8.

Third in priority came Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System which were responsible for 20 deaths or 12.1 per cent. Twelve of these occurred in the 75 and over age group.

There were 3 deaths due to Motor Accidents and 2 Suicides caused by Barbiturate Poisoning and Aspirin Poisoning. The maternal death was due to a pulmonary embolism following Varicose Veins of Pregnancy. Three accidental deaths were due to drowning, narcotic poisoning and Asphyxia.

Deaths in infants under 1 year of age numbered 3, the causes being Prematurity, Congenital Malformation and Pneumonia.

There were 5 deaths over the age of 90, the oldest being 95.



### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

It is gratifying to note that the incidence of infectious disease was very small during 1966, there being only 45 notified cases of which 40 were Measles.

### TUBERCULOSIS

The figures for Tuberculosis remained the same both at the beginning and end of the year, there being 74. The number of new cases was balanced by those which had either left the town, died or recovered.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

I am happy to report that no action was required during the year under Section 47 of the Act.

### FOOD HYGIENE

Once again no cases of food poisoning were reported from the Borough, a matter for considerable satisfaction, and one which undoubtedly reflects credit upon the surveillance and supervision exercised by the Public Health Inspectors.

### MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANTS

These were commented upon at some length in last year's Report and their implementation casts an extra burden upon the Public Health Inspectors, though fortunately not as great a one as is borne in other counties.



## MASS X-RAY

The Mass X-Ray Unit 6A which is based upon the Connaught Hospital, Walthamstow, paid several visits to Hertford at the end of June 1966.

The total number x-rayed was 5,519, a considerable increase over the 1963 figure of 4,663. Out of these 5,519, only 4 required immediate treatment for pulmonary tuberculosis, and 7 required occasional clinical supervision. On the other hand, a number of other lesions, totalling 40, were revealed, these being Carcinoma of the Lung, Abnormalities of the Heart and Blood Vessels, Infections of the Lungs, Non-Pulmonary Fibrosis and Abnormalities of the Bony Thorax and Soft Tissues.

The Annual Report of the Medical Director of this Unit for the year 1965 raised some interesting points on the future of ~~Mass~~ Radio-graphy. The area covered by this Unit extends from Stepney and Dagenham in the South, Enfield and Wood Green in the West, Chigwell and Ongar in the East to Hertford and Bishop's Stortford in the North. In 1965 it made 62,185 examinations and out of all of these only 56 significant cases of tuberculosis were discovered, with the highest incidence in the middle aged and elderly age groups. 62 cases of Intra-thoracic Malignant Disease were found, of which 54 were Carcinoma of the Lung.

The Director said "It is really a question of considering how M.M.R. can best play a part in providing a comprehensive Chest Radiology Service on a Regional basis to ensure that the various specialist groups, in particular General Practitioner referred cases, can be easily examined. There are in addition certain interesting possibilities, such as the regular examination of males in the Carcinoma age group, a project on which much information is coming to light. It has also been suggested in some quarters that there is a plea for M.M.R. as part of a wider "screening" organisation which will attempt to detect other pathological conditions outside the chest. It may be that redeployment to provide a regular service for special groups of one kind or another in local areas, where this does not already exist, would be worth consideration rather than continuing extensive cover for large numbers of healthy people.

This does not mean that there is to be a cessation of the existing facilities in the near future. It does however show, that thought is being given to the best possible means of modifying the present expensive and extensive service with its concomitant waste of man-power, but always bearing in mind the necessity for giving cover where the need is greatest.





## HERTFORD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Committee continued its meetings throughout the year under the Chairmanship of Mr. A.K.Löveday.

Throughout 1966 continued efforts were made to obtain reduced bus fares for old age pensioners, and these eventually met with some limited success, as the Transport Board agreed to some tickets in bulk at a discount of 10%.

The Committee also expressed its views regarding modification of the Chiropody Service upon the Hertfordshire Old Peoples Welfare Council with little success except that the County Organisation agreed to ask the County Council to give wider publicity to the Chiropody Scheme.

The four Constituent Clubs, these being the Hertford Evergreen Club, the Hertford Heath Club, the Sele Farm Friends and Neighbours and the Watton-at-Stone Club continued to flourish and arranged a number of functions and meetings for their members.

Under the auspices of the Old Peoples Welfare Committee, 44 old people enjoyed a holiday at Clacton in September 1966.

The Luncheon Club continued throughout the year with a weekly attendance of approximately 20. The meals were supplied from Western House Hospital kitchens by kind permission of the Matron. The Meals-on-Wheels service is continuing its excellent work despite difficulties experienced from time to time with the preparation of the meals. It is hoped that in due course a new kitchen may become available.

In addition to the social events organised by individual clubs, concerts were given by the Hertford Dramatic and Operatic Society, and by the Students of Balls Park Training College. His Worship the Mayor's Annual Party was also much enjoyed.

Some concern is felt about the future of the Evergreen Club which is due to disappear coincidental with future development of the Borough. Negotiations concerning a new site have taken place with the Borough Council over a period of time but so far nothing of a firm nature has emerged.

The Committee is most grateful to all individuals and organisations who have given such valuable assistance during the past year, especially the Rotary Club, the Round Table, Womens Royal Voluntary Service and the Balls Park Training College.





## HERTFORD BOROUGH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

This Committee continued to hold its monthly meetings under the Chairmanship of Alderman W.L.Foster.

The Committee congratulated Messrs. McMullen & Sons Ltd., and Messrs. T.Brazier Ltd., on awards received under the Safe Driving Competitions for 1965

Only three entries were received for the childrens poster on Home Safety and the Committee agreed to award £5 per school as prizes.

The Junior Accident Prevention Committee received a Commendation for their entry in the Static Window Display Competition for 1966.

A report on the Sir Charles Hasting lecture entitled 'The Prevention of Accidents in the Home', given by Mr. Norman Capener C.B.E., F.R.C.S.. at Nottingham University was submitted by the Medical Officer of Health.

Approaches were made to the Ware and Hoddesdon Committees for the purpose of ascertaining their views on the joint appointment of a full-time Accident Prevention Officer but negotiations fell through.

The yearly car rally with a record of 106 entries was held at the County Hall on 23rd September. The winner of the Mens Challenge Cup was Mr. T. Knight of Hoddesdon. Miss J. Bentley of Bengoe won the Ladies Challenge Cup, the Novices Cup went to Mr. Wildey of Hoddesdon and the Committee Cup to Mr. C. Eyre of Hertford.

## REPORTS

During the year special reports were submitted to the Public Health Committee on Housing in the Folly Area; Smallpox in the Midlands; The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966; Brucellosis; and the Annual Conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

## PUBLICATIONS - 1966

Food Hygiene Education

Journal of the Royal Institute  
of Public Health & Hygiene 1966



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORD BOROUGH

#### COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

The County Council is responsible for providing the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Health Service, Health Visiting, Home Nursing and the Home Help service. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

#### Clinics which serve Hertford Borough

##### Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford

Ante Natal and Post Natal	-	Thursday, 10 - 12
Infant Welfare	-	Wednesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
Immunisation Clinic	-	2nd Tuesday in each month
General Clinic for School Children	-	4th Tuesday in each month
Dental and Orthodontic	-	By appointment - telephone Hertford 3259
Speech Therapy	-	By appointment - telephone Hertford 3597
Relaxation Classes - Mother Craft	-	Monday, 2.30 - 4 p.m. Applications to Mrs Major 20, Thieves Lane, Hertford.
Cytology Clinic - For all women aged 35 - 60 who have had children	-	Alternate Wednesdays - telephone Monday & Wednesday mornings 9 - 12 Mrs. Scott, Hertford 3597

##### Sele Farm Clinic, Hollybush School, Hertford

Infant Welfare	-	Fridays, 2 - 4 p.m.
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#### School Health Service

The routine periodic inspection of children is carried out at the schools at four prescribed ages, namely, 5, 8, 12 and 14 years, and children with defects are seen at other times as considered advisable.



## Immunisation and Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service which can be obtained from their family doctors or at the Infant Welfare Centres mentioned.

The following table gives the latest recommendations as to times :-

2	-	6 months	Diphtheria	)	
			Whooping Cough	)	3 injections
			Tetanus	)	
6	-	10 months	Poliomyelitis	)	3 doses oral vaccine.
					This may be given at the
					same time as the triple
					injection if the procedure
					is started at 3 months.
1	-	2 years	Smallpox Vaccination		
15	-	18 months	Reinforcing Diphtheria	)	
			Whooping Cough	)	Injection
			Tetanus	)	
5	years		Reinforcing Oral Polio	)	
			Diphtheria	)	Injection
			Tetanus	)	
9	-	10 years	Reinforcing Diphtheria	)	
			Tetanus	)	Injection
8	-	12 years	Smallpox Revaccination		
13	years		B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis		

## Care and After-Care

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Department has been established at the Health Centre, Bull Plain. Helpers are present for distribution of equipment on Mondays and Fridays at 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant should be made to the County Medical Officer.

## Home Help Service

Application for this service should be addressed to the Local Organiser, Mrs. Clements, at Bull Plain, Hertford, telephone Hertford 3232, between 9.00 and 5.00 p.m. A charge may be made for this service in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.





Mental Health - Social Work Unit

Divisional Welfare and Mental Health field staff, a Social Unit has been established at 1, Queen's Road, Hertford. (Tel; 3145 and 5875)

<u>DIVISIONAL WELFARE OFFICER</u>	-	Mr. R.C.Lingham
<u>ASSISTANT WELFARE OFFICER</u>	-	Mr. K.R.Cockman
<u>SOCIAL WORKER (WELFARE)</u>	-	Mrs. J.E.Wright

Social Workers (Mental Health)

Miss H.M.Watson  
 Mrs. P.Page  
 Mr. J. Gray  
 Mrs. R. Luckman  
 Mrs. M. Huish  
 Mrs. S.M.Elford \*

\* also at Sub Office, Health Centre, Rye Park, Hoddesdon (65410)

For compulsory removals to hospital under the Mental Health Act, in East Herts. Area -

During office hours - please telephone the Social Work Unit  
 (Hertford 3145 and 5875)

Outside office hours - the present arrangements remain unchanged,

Home telephone numbers - Mr. R.C.Lingham - Hatfield 4151  
 Mr. K.R.Cockman - Hoddesdon 62542  
 Mrs. J.E.Wright - Hertford 4361

and if no reply available, ring the Hertford Ambulance Control  
 (Hertford 2222)

The Collett Road, Ware, offices are occupied by :-

Social Worker for the Blind - Miss D.Taylor (Ware 2541)

Social Worker for the physically handicapped - Miss P.M. Watson (Ware 2541)





### Chiropody Service

This is available at reduced costs to handicapped, old people and expectant mothers. Apply to Mr. Parkin, 24, Queens Road, Hertford, who will also visit patients at home.

Miss Lismer will also give treatment at reduced rates but will not do domicilliary visits. Apply to 17, Castle Street, Hertford.

### Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station at Hertford. Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

### LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the examination of Specimens and Samples are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In an emergency, medical specimens can be examined at the Hertford County Hospital.

### HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital which is within the Harlow Group No. 1 Hospital Management Committee of the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. (Tel: Hertford 2275)

Patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham or South Lodge Hospital, World's End Lane, London, N.21.

### GENERAL PRACTITIONERS MEDICAL SERVICES

There are 8 doctors resident in Hertford.

### DENTAL SERVICES

There are 7 Dental Surgeons in Hertford. Particulars regarding School Dental Clinics are shown under Clinics.

### HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

The Hertford office of this Society is at 2, The Wash (Tel: Hertford 3201)

### WOMENS ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The office for the Borough of Hertford is situated in the Castle Grounds, (Tel: Hertford 3926)



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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#### REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1966

#### GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

The provision of Council houses has been continued at a greater rate in 1966, with the development of the "Wimpey" houses at Sele Farm achieving good progress; at the end of the year 20 housing units were nearing completion, out of a total of 256 for this site.

During the year a further 29 housing units were provided at Horns Mill, approximately 160 houses erected in various parts of the Borough by Private Enterprise developers.

#### HERTFORD BOROUGH - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supplies within the Borough are under the control of the Lee Valley Water Company.

All water supplied within the Borough is obtained from five Boreholes sunk in chalk at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road (2), Hartham Lane and at Port Hill, all these boreholes being within the Borough boundary. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the town for many years.

The low level parts of the town are supplied via the reservoir situate at the top of Port Hill, the supply to the higher parts of the town being via the Bengoe Tower, though pressure in the mains supplying the high ground to the south is assisted and maintained from the high level reservoir at Hertford Heath (Little Amwell).

Reports on water samples taken during the calendar year 1966 from the Borough supplies by the Lee Valley Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 209 samples for bacteriological examination and 17 for chemical analyses. The samples are obtained at each of the various stages in distribution, from each of the pumping stations, at the water tower, from the two reservoirs, and as it reaches the consumer.



## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The activated sludge treatment plant at the Mead Lane sewage Works, continued to operate efficiently during the year so far as the purification section was concerned, and good analyses of effluent were obtained.

During the year the heating equipment installed in the Primary Digestion Tanks in 1964 have continued to work well, the average pH value being in excess of 7.0, and the lowest winter temperature recorded in those tanks was 68°F., and in the Secondary Digestion Tanks 48°F.

No complaints of smell were received during the year.

No difficulties have been experienced in the storage of raised sludge, which continues to be a popular form of manure. .

The amount of sewage flowing into the works has been further reduced during the year by the diversion of the sewage draining from the Bengeo Area, into the Middle Lea Drainage System.

Although this has not materially reduced the operating costs of the existing works, it has slightly extended the retention periods for sedimentation and aeration, and a good standard of purification has been obtained.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

During the year a Bulk Refuse Container Service was introduced for the benefit of industrial users and large establishments, and although its acceptance at the outset was relatively small, it is now growing in popularity and demands for the service are increasing.

The Foxholes Refuse Tip continued in operation until the end of July, when due to notice to quit, refuse tipping operations were transferred to Watermill Lane Site.

At the commencement of operations there were a number of complaints from nearby residents of obnoxious smells and flies, some of which were justified and mainly attributable to malicious tip fires which seriously disorganised the operation of the Tip. A temporary shortage of covering material also contributed to the difficulties. These shortcomings were duly rectified and no further complaints were received.

Arrangements for alternative Tipping facilities on completion of the Watermill Lane site have been arranged.

The Council has continued to dispose of salvage on the best terms available.





SWIMMING POOL

This is now the sixth full season of operation of the pool, which continued to be extremely popular, the attendance figures being:-

	<u>General Public</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Spectators</u>
1960 Part Season	48,223	3,806	7,104
1961 29th April to 1st October	81,148	13,790	9,002
1962 28th April to 30th September	75,588	16,110	8,457
1963 27th April to 29th September	80,264	17,722	8,158
1964 25th April to 4th October	133,231	18,764	13,479
1965 1st May to 2nd October	89,967	19,771	10,769
1966 30th April to 1st October	91,861	20,864	12,003

The swimming pool is 110 feet long and 42 feet wide and varies in depth from 3ft.6 ins. to 9ft. 10 ins. The pool is provided with two diving spring boards of 30 metre and 1 metre heights, and is illuminated when necessary at evening time by twelve 500 watt tungsten flood lamps mounted on steel columns. The pool contains some 168,000 gallons of water continuously filtered through horizontal type filters, chlorinated and subject to pH control. The water is maintained at a temperature of about 70° F., heating being carried out by an oil fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil.

The learners pool introduced in 1965 has continued to prove extremely popular.

Samples of water have been taken regularly from both pools for bacteriological examination with consistently satisfactory reports.

PUBLIC HOT BATHS

The Public Hot Baths which are owned and run by the Council are situated at the Bircherley Green Car Park.

The number of baths provided during 1966 was 2,743, this number being a continuing decrease from previous years. Corresponding numbers for previous years are 1965 - 3,070; 1964 - 3,770; 1963 - 3,885; 1962 - 4,324; and 1961 - 4,633. The decrease is again attributed partly to the housing programme and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of Improvement Grants.

SUMMARY OF VISITS Etc.1966Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act

Inspections	-	Offices	25
		Retail Shops	56
		Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	4
		Catering Establishments, Canteens	15
		Fuel Storage Depots	-
Total number of visits of all kinds			199





Public Health Etc Acts

Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits	231
Sewers and Drains	58
Sanitary Accommodation and fittings	46
Mass X-Ray visit to Hertford (re advertising etc.)	256
Infectious Diseases, Contacts and Disinfections	7
Visits re Long-stay Immigrants	18
International Certificates of Vaccination Authenticated	1,211
Verminous Articles, Premises and Disinfestations	8
Disposal of bedding etc.	4
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)	3
Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation	8
Music and Dancing Regulations	21
Hairdressers and Barbers	2
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation etc.	4
Smoke observations and visits	24
Offensive and other accumulations	32
Fly and other insect nuisances	34
Keeping of Animals	21
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans	58
Employment Agencies	2
Agricultural Premises	26
Refuse Tips	56
Water supplies	3
Litter Act, 1958	48
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	51
Other general Public Health visits	210
Housing - Recorded Inspections	28
Reinspections and interviews	45
Overcrowding	2

Food Premises and Food Hygiene

Food Premises; Retail premises	201
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens)	51
Bakehouses	36
Food Stalls and Vehicles	32
Registered premises, Section 16; Ice Cream retailers	25
Preserved food premises	27
Miscellaneous and Publicity visits, and visits re control and food handling hygiene	72



<u>Rodent Control</u>	- Private Dwellings	29
	Business Premises	33
	Corporation Properties	19
	Agricultural Properties	24
<u>Factories</u>	- Factories with Mechanical Power	109
	Factories without Mechanical Power	6
	Other Premises under Factories Acts	6
	Outworkers	44
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	- Consumer Protection Act	16
	Fabrics (Misdescription) Act	6
	Road Traffic Act, 1956. Section 42	3
	Pet Animals Act. - Pet Shops	3
	Animal Boarding Establishments Act	8
<u>Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections</u>		164
<u>Complaints received during the year</u>		226

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

#### General

Normal work of the Department under the Public Health Acts was carried out during the year, this including various minor repairs to property and works of drainage maintenance and cleansing, which together with the majority of complaints which required action under the above Acts, were dealt with informally. There were no special problems of note which required to be dealt with during the year.

#### Infectious Diseases and general preventive and health measures.

With the continuing low incidence of infectious diseases in the Borough, only a nominal amount of time is now required in connection with this. Occasional disinfections still continue to be carried out, though the majority are on request and generally following the death of aged or infirm persons, and in most cases accompanied by a request for the removal and destruction of a quantity of bedding and other items.

To compensate for this, a number of visits of investigation and follow-up of information regarding returning local residents or travellers with a Hertford destination, who had been in contact with cases of typhoid or have travelled through an area where there had been an outbreak, are now required to be made. The reports received from the Public Health Laboratories in each of these cases were all fortunately negative.

Notifications from ports of arrival were also received and followed-up of non-vaccinated travellers or those whose vaccinations were out of time.



A number of notifications were also received from the County Health Authority of long-stay immigrants arriving in this country with a Hertford destination. These were all followed-up as recommended by the Ministry of Health in their memorandum to local authorities. Of those arriving during the year, a third were from South America or Asia, the remainder from various of the European Countries.

As on previous occasions in connection with the visit of the Mass X-Ray Unit, publicity material for the public sessions was distributed by the public health department. Practically all the shops as well as other business premises dealing with a number of the public were visited, and it is a pleasure to record the immediate and co-operative response received from them all with regard to the exhibition of leaflets and posters, particularly as it is known that a number of these will not normally display any outside advertising, but as previously, have been only too ready to support this triennial visit of the X-Ray Unit. On this occasion it was also found that members of the public were only too willing to display the handbills or posters at their own private houses where this was suitable or possible.

#### International Certificates of Vaccination

During the year, signatures of Doctors were authenticated in the prescribed form on 1,211 International Certificates of Vaccination, this being an average of 5 on each working day of the year, though in fact the majority were brought in for authentication during the months of May to August. Of the total, some 911 were required in respect to European travel, following the outbreak of smallpox in the West Midlands which occurred early in the year. This figure was considerably in excess of that for 1962, the previous year when Certificates were required for certain European travel as a result of a similar outbreak of Smallpox in the Midlands. The remaining 300 Certificates in respect to travel outside Europe represents a slight increase over the similar authentications for 1965.

The purpose of the authentication is to provide proof to those health authorities abroad who require it, that the signature of the person issuing the certificate is that of a registered Medical Practitioner. The authentications by this department are in respect of the signatures of doctors practising in this area and which are well known to the department.

#### National Assistance Act, 1948

Although some visits under the Act were made during the year, no official action by this authority was required to be made during the year under review.







## Household and Garden Pests, Fly Nuisances, etc.

Requests for advice and assistance in connection with the treatment and control of general household or garden pests received by this department continues to increase year by year. A number of the requests come from the new estates being developed in the district and many of these are in fact associated with the re-development of the land and the disturbance of an existing insect population.

As in some previous years, some localised infestations of minute cluster flies occurred in the Autumn. The flies which breed in certain grasses are normally killed off by the weather conditions and early morning frosts, though in some seasons survive longer, and then swarm into the upper stories of adjacent dwellings where they settle in their thousands on the ceiling of the rooms. These inundations are fortunately easily dealt with by means of the normal household sprays.

With the number and variety of insects etc. encountered, the assistance of the Ministry's Infestation Control Division in the identification of specimens and advice on control measures has been much appreciated.

1966 was the first year in which the Borough Council has officially undertaken the destruction of wasps nests - this work previously being carried out on a private basis by the Council's Rodent Operator. This service is now included and operated within the framework of a rodent control contract entered into with a Servicing Contractor. Thirty-nine complaints of wasps were received and dealt with.

## Dirty or verminous premises

With the present day universal use of residual insecticides, whether by liquid, dust or vapour, the number of infestations dealt with by this department remains at a minimum, though the occasional request for advice is still received. This is no doubt also due to the considerably improved standards set and maintained by the majority of householders these days.

## Litter

The occasional litter-dumping along road verges in the more rural parts of the town has been minimised by the Council's free collection of disused articles of a household nature, this being separate from the weekly refuse collection and mainly concerns more bulky articles such as mattresses, bedsteads and furniture.

Nuisance has also occurred from the refuse, mostly paper, being blown off the bulk refuse carrying vehicles and being deposited along the verges of those roads used by these vehicles on their journeys between their London collection centres and the refuse pits. There were none of these pits situate within the Borough boundary during the year under review.



### Movable Dwellings, Caravans.

There is one holiday camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a Certificate of the Ministry of Health, and who, by reason of their own camping rules, are exempt from the similar provisions of the Hertfordshire County Council Act and of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The year commenced with four operative site licences within the Borough, all being in respect to individual caravans on separate sites. Of these, the two sites in use for purely residential purposes were discontinued during the year, in one case the occupants being rehoused by the Council as a normal rehousing from the housing application list. Of the two remaining sites, one is for the occupation of an individual caravan in connection with the constant supervision of an adjoining road surfacing plant, though in this case the occupation is limited to the summer months during the time the plant is in operation. The remaining licence is in respect to a site in an enclosed industrial area, and the planning consent restricts the occupation to that of the residential security man. No Site Licences were issued during 1966.

During 1965, two caravans on adjacent sites were found to have been in occupation for some time. Planning applications which were then made in respect of these sites were however refused, and informal action against the occupiers and the two site owners was pursued. The difficulty experienced by the occupiers was that both caravans were of the modern type with a large amount of glass window area and were not suitable for towing but required the use of a transporter, so that an alternative site was required before a move could be made. The first of the sites was however vacated early in the year, but formal action had to be commenced in respect to the second caravan, though in this latter case the occupants were eventually provided with permanent accommodation and the caravan then disposed of.

The residential use of caravans in connection with building or other operations does occur within the Borough, though not to a large extent, - this use being exempt from the normal provisions of the Act.

There are no Gipsy Settlements or gipsies temporary or overnight parking sites in regular or occasional use which are situate within the Borough, though it was necessary on three occasions during the year to follow-up this type of parking.

### Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act and Regulations

There are no Licensed Premises under the Act within the Borough, but there is one Registration in respect to a factory concerned with Upholstery, Carpet Repairs, etc. During the year under review, no work under the Rag Flock Act was undertaken.





### Employment Agencies

There is only one Employment Agency within the Borough, this catering for Office and Shop Workers - the conduct and management of the agency being in accordance with Part V of the County Council Act.

### Refuse Dumps

In addition to the Corporation's own two refuse tips, there are two other tips within the Borough where Consents are operative in respect to the tipping of household or other putrescible refuse, and one further area with Consent for the tipping of non-putrescible refuse. All these Consents are subject to normal conditions relating to proper control during tipping, of the materials being tipped, and of the prevention of nuisances arising.

In the two former cases the Consents and the Town Planning approvals cover the re-habilitation of the area when tipping is completed, though in fact no regular tipping took place during this year.

In the latter case, Consent covers the raising of the level of the site by tipping of non-putrescible matter, and is a Town Planning requirement for this to be done prior to the eventual development of this particular area of land for industrial purposes. Tipping on this particular site was generally completed during 1966.

### Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations, 1955

Existing licences in respect of all the 19 premises within the Borough were renewed by the County Council for the year 1966, and one further licence was issued during the year in respect to a new application from Club premises. All these premises satisfy the Code of Practice adopted by the Borough Council having regard to the use of the premises as set out in Regulation 5. Routine visits continue to be made to these premises which include - Halls and Clubs 14, Cinema 1, and Licensed Premises 5.

### Agricultural Premises

The Borough being urban in character, it naturally follows that the number of "agricultural units" to which the Agricultural Act of 1956 applies is limited. The sanitary accommodation available to the workers at the three farms with a majority of their area within the Borough would appear to be suitable and sufficient bearing in mind the provisions of Section 3 (3).

With regard to the smaller agricultural units within the Borough, included being Chicken Farms, Mushroom Farms, market gardens, small holdings etc., these are generally provided with some form of sanitary accommodation, either on the site or in the vicinity. Many of these are however not subject to the Act as they are family or individual concerns and no other workers are employed.



## CONSUMER PROTECTION ACTS

### Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962-1966

### Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953

Although only very few visits are made specifically under the Consumer Protection Act 1961, the requirements of the above Regulations are borne in mind when visits are made for other purposes to premises where portable heaters are on sale. All oil heaters seen, either on sale display or in store, were found to be marked as complying with the British Standard 3300, this standard being the one on which the 1962 Regulations are based. With regard to portable heaters generally, the Regulations covering the construction and suitability of the fitted guards are being observed.

### Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations, 1957

Although these Regulations are by agreement enforced by the Herts. County Council, occasional checks are made to see if helmets are marked as complying with the appropriate British Standards. There is one small factory in the Borough where helmets are manufactured and where official production samples are submitted to the prescribed tests.

## ANIMAL PROTECTION ACTS

The main purpose of these Acts is the enforcement of the Protection of Animals Acts in their application to Animal Boarding Establishments and Pet Shops.

In similar terms under both Acts, Conditions are specified in Licences issued in order to secure suitable and sufficient accommodation, an adequate supply of food and drink, reasonable precautions against spread of infectious diseases, and appropriate fire precautions etc.

Normal routine visits were made to all three premises concerned during the year, and the required conditions found to be observed.

Pet Animals Act. - Although an existing Licence was not renewed at the beginning of the year, the business having been discontinued, one fresh Licence was granted later in the year in respect to the same premises when a fresh business was commenced by the new occupier.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act - There are now two Licences operative in the Borough, one being a straightforward licence in respect to Boarding Kennels, the other being in respect to the occasional boarding of animals ancillary to a Veterinary Practice, this being in addition to those animals accommodated for treatment or other purposes connected with the practice.

Riding Establishments Act - There is one Riding Establishment within the Borough, though the appropriate authority in this particular case is that of the County Council





## FOOD AND DRUGS

### Food Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 184. This number is made up as follows, the separate premises being included under the main trade being carried on, -

Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)	31
Bakehouses	5
Bakers and Cake Shops	7
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3
Fried Fish Shops	2
Butchers Shops	14
Sweet Shops	12
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	8
Cafes and Restaurants	14
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	7
Public Houses	31
Wine Shops and Off Licences	6
Residential Institutional Kitchens	9
School and Industrial Canteens	24
Clubs	5
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	5

The total number of food premises set out above is three less than for the previous year - a cake shop, greengrocer, hotel and two licensed premises having closed during 1966, but with the addition of a butcher and a cafe. The number of self-service grocers continues at ten, and as similarly applies everywhere, very few grocery foodstuffs are now sold which are not pre-packed.

The following information is given as required by Circular 1/67.

Total Number of Food Premises in the Borough	184
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 relating to the provision of hand-washing facilities	all
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 relating to the provision of facilities for washing food and equipment applies (premises where open food is handled)	172
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	172

Inspections and general visits to food premises continue to take up much time, though no special difficulties have arisen which have not been put in order with the co-operation of the trades-people themselves. The various requirements relating to the premises, the food handlers and the handling of food are generally being observed.



During the year, as set out in the Medical Officer of Health's Report, it was fortunately possible to augment the department's work under the food regulations by holding a food hygiene course for food handlers. This was well attended and the interest shown by those attending was reflected in the very high proportion of passes at the end of the course.

#### Registered Food Premises (Section 16)

(a)	Sale and Storage for Sale of Ice Cream	48
	Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	nil
(b)	Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages etc.,	12
	Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Food	2

There was practically no change in the registered premises during the year, there being only one new registration for ice cream and one notification of change of occupier under Section 18.

#### Inspection of Foodstuffs

The unsound foodstuffs dealt with during the year are set out below, these being surrendered and disposed of by burial at the Corporation's refuse tip at Foxholes.

##### Canned Foodstuffs

Ham	27 containers	230 lbs.
Other Meats and Meat Products	12 ..	44 lbs.
Miscellaneous (Fruit, Milk, etc.)	70 ..	84 lbs.

##### Other Foodstuffs

Fish - Prawns	38 lbs	Meat - Beef	14 lbs.
Cod Fillets	56 lbs	Yoghourt - (two	
Herrings	14 lbs	consignments)	24 lbs
Coalfish	84 lbs	Cheese	20 lbs

##### Miscellaneous

As a result of flooding during a heavy storm, the following bulk-stored provisions were required to be dealt with having been contaminated by surcharge from the sewers - 3 cases Cheese 162-lbs, 15 cases Butter 420-lbs, 1 case Dripping 24-lbs, 1 case Fats 24-lbs, 7 cases Margarine 168-lbs (total weight 798-lbs)

Frozen Foods - On five occasions, refrigerator breakdowns occurred allowing thawing-out of the frozen foodstuffs and rendering them unsaleable as such. These 738 packets of assorted foodstuffs (approx. weight 3 cwt. 13 lbs) were withdrawn from sale and surrendered for destruction, a certificate covering these foodstuffs being issued.



HOUSING PROGRESSProgress during 1966New Dwellings erected

During	Since
1966	1945

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1966 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	130	(1,348)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	-	( 18)
.. .. under construction at the end of year		84

Hertford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by the Council	48	(1,358)
.. .. .. for sale	16	( 16)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows)	-	-
(14 of the original 50 were demolished in 1961, 7 in 1962, and 3 in 1963 and the remaining 26 in 1964)		
.. .. under construction at end of year		294

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc.)

New Dwellings erected during 1966	6	( 68)
.. .. under construction at end of year		12

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Total new dwellings erected during 1966	<u>200</u>	
... .. under construction at end of year		<u>390</u>
... .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.66		<u>2,798</u>

Total occupied dwellings Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses	1,976
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows	-
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings	18





## HOUSING ACT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS - 1966

7, Brewhouse Lane	Rehoused	Dec. 1966
9, .. ..	Occupied	
11, .. ..	Closing Order	Feb. 1962
13, .. ..	Closing Order	Nov. 1961
15, .. ..	Closing Order	May 1963
14, Castle Street	Closing Order	Oct. 1956
16, .. ..	Closing Order	Jul. 1958
18, .. ..	Closing Order	Jul. 1961
41, Castle Street	Closing Order	Dec. 1955
32, Parliament	Closing Order	Mar. 1958
34, .. Square	Closing Order	May 1962
30, .. ..	Shop premises (Dwelling accommodation empty)	
4, Port Hill	Closing Order - part of premises, May 1955 - Acquired by Council for road improvements in 1961, Demolished 1966.	
46, St. Andrew	Closing Order	Mar. 1961
48, .. .. Street	Closing Order	Dec. 1959
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	May 1957
15b, .. ..	Closing Order	Jun. 1955
15c, .. ..	Closing Order	Jul. 1957
1 - 20, Ash Street	) Properties in this area previously acquired by Council for redevelopment of site. Remaining tenancies re-housed during 1966 and demolition of whole site completed during the year.	
1 - 16, Baker Street		
1 - 14, Elm Street		
1 - 21, Oak Street		

### RENT ACT (Circular 32/1957)

<u>PART I</u>	(1) Number of Applications for certificates	nil
	(6) Number of certificates issued	nil
<u>PART II</u>	(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	nil
	(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	nil

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Following the resignation and subsequent death of the Borough Council's Rodent Operator in 1965, a Contract was entered into with a Servicing Contractor to carry out all necessary disinfection works and treatments at private dwellings and Council property in order to maintain this rate-borne service of a free treatment for rat and mice infestations at all private dwellings within the Borough.



Although the Contract system was commenced in the previous year, 1966 was the first full year in which this operated and constituted a reasonable period of time as agreed by the Public Health Committee on which to base a required report as to its efficacy.

Under normal circumstances there is one of the contractor's Operators allocated to this area for all works of Rodent and similar types of pest control undertaken by the firm, this of course including the contract work for the Council. As a number of various types of contract are undertaken in this area, the operator concerned has a fairly complete up-to-date picture always in mind as to the position as it affects the Borough. Close contact is maintained between the Operator, the public health department, and the area surveyor for the servicing undertaking.

It is of course an advantage that additional trained staff are always available should particular treatments or circumstances require it, and of course, personnel are always available to stand-in during holidays or sickness of the local operator, thus providing an uninterrupted 52-weeks a year service.

Although by Contract Service, routine surveys for evidence of infestation are not carried out, this is now probably a minor matter as the Council's Rodent Control Service is sufficiently well known that any rats or evidence of rats or mice seen are normally automatically reported to the department. Evidence of infestation is of course automatically looked for during all departmental visits for other purposes, though not as a routine survey. Specific requests for survey in restricted areas have however been undertaken by the operator, and additionally the firms Area Surveyor has assisted as a Technical Expert in support of informal action undertaken by the department.

(MAFF Form I.R.31)		Type of Property	
Properties other than Sewers		Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1.	Number of properties in district	7,622	14
2.	a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	224	1
	b Number infested by (i) Rats	142	1
	(ii) Mice	17	-
3.	a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	172	7
	b Number infested by (i) Rats	27	1
	(ii) Mice	10	-



SECTION DOFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963TABLE A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	No. of Registered Premises at end of year	No. of Registered Premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	9	90	25
Retail Shops	8	158	56
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	6	4
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	3	20	15
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-
Totals	23	275	100

TABLE B - Number of Visits of all kinds  
by Inspectors to Registered Premises 199

TABLE C - Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	Numbers of persons employed in each Class of Registered Premises (Number of Registered Premises in each Class shown in brackets)					
	Offices (90)	Retail Shops (158)	Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses (6)	Catering Estabs/ Canteens (20)	Fuel Depots (1)	Total ALL Classes (275)
Offices	775	38	12	5	-	830
Retail Shops	14	688	2	2	-	706
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses.	12	3	25	-	-	40
Catering Establishments open to the public	-	5	-	127	-	132
Canteens	6	1	-	-	-	7
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	5	5
Totals of persons employed in each Class of premises	807	735	39	134	5	1,720
Total Males	343	262	31	53	5	694
Total Females	464	473	8	81	-	1,026





# Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (con)

## Analysis of Registration Changes during the Year

Class of REGISTERED PREMISES	Registrations				Registrations with changes in numbers Employed
	New	Deleted	Classification Change	Total Difference	
Offices ... ..	9	6	(+) 1	+ 4	11
Retail Shops .. ..	8	4	(-) 1	+ 3	21
Wholesale Depts/Warehouses	3	1	0	+ 2	2
Catering Establs. Canteens	3	5	0	- 2	5
Fuel Storage Depots ..	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	16	0	+ 7	39

## Analysis of Changes in the numbers of Persons Employed

Class of WORKPLACE	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops / Warehouses	Catering Establs./ Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Offices ... ..	+ 134	+ 3	+ 3	- 1	0	+ 139
Retail Shops .. ..	+ 5	- 4	+ 1	- 1	0	+ 1
Wholesale Depts/Warehouses	+ -	- 1	+ 5	0	0	+ 4
Catering Establs. (Public)	0	0	0	+ 2	0	+ 2
Canteens ... ..	+ 3	0	0	0	0	+ 3
Fuel Storage Depots ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	+ 142	- 2	+ 9	+ -	0	+ 149
Males	+ 28	+ 2	+ 6	+ 3	0	+ 39
Females	+ 114	- 4	+ 3	- 3	0	+ 110

## Comparison of Changes in Registrations and Numbers Employed

REGISTERED PREMISES WORKPLACE	Registrations .. Employees	Changes during 1965		Changes during 1966	
		Registrations	Employees	Registrations	Employees
Offices ... ..		+ 9	+ 128	+ 4	+ 139
Retail Shops .. ..		+ 2	- 17	+ 3	+ 1
Wholesale Depts/Warehouses		0	+ 1	+ 2	+ 4
Catering Establs. (Public)		} + - {	- 4	} - 2 {	+ 2
Canteens ... ..			+ 2		+ 3
Fuel Storage Depots ..		0	0	0	0
Totals		+ 11	+ 110	+ 7	+ 149
Males			+ 16		+ 39
Females			+ 94		+ 110





Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (con)TABLE D - Exemptions

Space Temperature ( All Classes )	No Applications Received or Granted
Washing Facilities ( of Premises )	No Exemptions current at 31.12.1966
Sanitary Accommodation - Offices - Exemptions Granted or Extended	Nil
	Exemptions current at 31.12.1966 One
- All Other Classes - No Applications Received or Granted	
	No Exemptions current at 31.12.1966

TABLE E - Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in 1966	- Nil
Number of complaints (or summary applications) made under Sec. 22	- Nil
Number of interim orders granted	- Nil

TABLE F - Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Sec. 52(1) or (5) of the Act	- Two
Number of other staff mostly employed in connection with the Act	- Nil

Administration

Inspections made during the year proceeded reasonably satisfactorily, and there were no particular outstanding problems. The majority of the contraventions met were minor ones requiring simple remedial measures or the provision of a required amenity which was lacking.

Administration and work under each of the many requirements of the Act closely follow those as for 1965, and the comprehensive review included in the Annual Report submitted to the Minister on that occasion is still applicable, and has not been repeated in the current Report.

Notifications of Accidents (Section 48)

Four Notifications of Accidents were received during the year and routine visits of investigation were made in each case. None of the accidents were fatal and there were no infringements of the Act as contributory causes. The Causation and Nature of the Injuries as included in the Accident Classification Code were as follows;-

	Workplace	Employee	Causation	Nature of Injury	Site of Injury
1	Retail Shop	Female	Handling Goods	Sprains and Strains	Upper Limb - Hand
2	Catering Est.	Female	Fall on same level	Bruising	Upper Limb - Arm
3	Office	Female	Fall of persons on or from fixed stairs	Fractures and Dislocations	Trunk
4	Retail Shop	Girl	Fall of persons on or from fixed stairs	Sprains and Strains	Ankle



# SECTION E

## PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961 in respect of the year 1966 for the BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

### PART I of the Act

#### 1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	120	109	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	6	-	-
Total	131	121	-	-

#### 2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				NO. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Lack of cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (Sec.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Sec. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Intervening ventilated space	1	1	-	-	-
(e) Lighting of convenience	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	1	-	-
Total	4	4	1	-	-





Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1961

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	Number of out-workers in August List required by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel;-- Making etc.	199	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified Natures of Work (Circ. 1/67)						
Wearing Apparel, Cleaning and Washing; Household Linen; Lace, Lace Curtains and Nets; Curtains and Furniture Hangings; Furniture and Upholstery; Electro-plate; File Making; Brass and Brass Articles; Fur Pulling; Iron and Steel Cables and Chains; Anchors and Grapnels; Umbrellas, etc; Artificial Flowers; Tents; Sacks; Paper Bags; Brush Making; Pea Picking; Feather Sorting; Carding etc. of Buttons etc.; Stuffed Toys; Basket Making; Chocolate & Sweetmeats; Cosaques, Christmas Stockings, etc.; Textile Weaving; Lampshades.	nil	-	-	-	-	-
Total	199	-	-	-	-	-

Of the above 199 outworkers, 31 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 168 being in the area of 48 other Local Authorities - these Authorities all being notified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

From inward notifications received, there are 13 persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the town in the areas of other Local Authorities.

During the year it was once again fortunately possible to maintain a high number of inspections to factory premises. In one case it was necessary to require additional sanitary accommodation due to increase of staff, and in another, an intervening ventilated space to a toilet was required following internal alterations to the conveniences.

Official notifications were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories in respect to registration changes at 30 factories.

During the year a visit was made to all of the forty-four outworkers whose dwellings are within the Borough.







